

# Chemical Reactions

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## Types of Reactions

- There are five types of chemical reactions we will talk about:
  - Synthesis reactions
  - \_\_\_\_\_ reactions
  - Single displacement reactions
  - \_\_\_\_\_ reactions
  - Combustion reactions
- You need to be able to identify the type of reaction and predict the product(s)

## Steps to Writing Reactions

- Some steps for doing reactions
  - Identify the type of reaction
  - Predict the product(s) using the type of reaction as a model
  - Balance it

Don't forget about the diatomic elements!  
(BrINClHOF) For example, Oxygen is  $O_2$  as an element.

In a compound, it can't be a diatomic element because it's not an element anymore, it's a compound!

## How to Describe a Reaction

- A reaction can be described several ways:

#1. In a sentence every item is a word

Copper reacts with chlorine to form copper (II) chloride.

#2. In a word equation some symbols used

Copper + chlorine  $\rightarrow$  copper (II) chloride

#3. In a chemical equation only chemical equations are used

$Cu + Cl_2 \rightarrow CuCl_2$

## Symbols in Equations

- (s) after the formula = solid:  $Fe_{(s)}$
- (g) after the formula = gas:  $CO_{2(g)}$
- (l) after the formula = liquid:  $H_2O_{(l)}$
- (aq) after the formula = dissolved in water, an aqueous solution:  $NaCl_{(aq)}$  is a salt water solution

## Symbols used in equations

- the arrow  $\rightarrow$  separates the reactants from the products (arrow points to products)
  - Read as: "reacts to form" or yields
- The plus sign + means "and"
- $\uparrow$  used after a product indicates a gas has been **produced**:  $H_2\uparrow$
- $\downarrow$  used after a product indicates a solid has been **produced**:  $PbI_2\downarrow$

## Symbols used in equations

- $\rightleftharpoons$  double arrow indicates a reversible reaction (more later)
- $\xrightarrow{\Delta}$  ,  $\xrightarrow{\text{heat}}$  shows that heat is supplied to the reaction
- $\xrightarrow{\text{Pt}}$  is used to indicate a catalyst is supplied (**in this case, platinum is the catalyst**)

## Write a skeleton equation for:

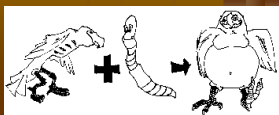
1. Solid iron (III) sulfide reacts with gaseous hydrogen chloride to form iron (III) chloride and hydrogen sulfide gas.
2. Nitric acid dissolved in water reacts with solid sodium carbonate to form liquid water and carbon dioxide gas and sodium nitrate dissolved in water.

## 1. Synthesis reactions

- **Synthesis reactions** occur when two substances (generally elements) combine and form a compound. (Sometimes these are called combination or addition reactions.)

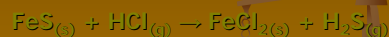
**reactant + reactant  $\rightarrow$  1 product**

- Basically:  $A + B \rightarrow AB$ 
  - Example:  $2\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
  - Example:  $\text{C} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{CO}_2$



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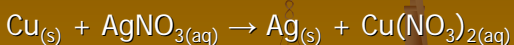
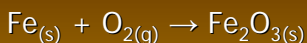
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## Now, read these equations:



## Balanced Chemical Equations

- According to the Law of Conservation of Mass: atoms aren't created or destroyed in a chemical reaction, they are just rearranged.
- All the atoms we start with in the reactants we must end up with in the products (*meaning: balanced!*)
- A balanced equation has the same number of each element on both sides of the equation.

### Rules for balancing:

- 1) Assemble the correct formulas for all the reactants and products, using "+" and "→"
- 2) Count the number of atoms of each type appearing on both sides
- 3) Balance the elements *one at a time* by adding *coefficients* (the numbers in front) where you need more - save balancing the H and O until LAST!  
(hint: I prefer to save O until the very last)
- 4) Double-Check to make sure it is balanced.

**Never**

- Never change a subscript to balance an equation (You can only change **coefficients**)
  - If you change the subscript (formula) you are describing a different chemical.
  - H<sub>2</sub>O is a different compound than H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>
- Never put a coefficient in the *middle* of a formula; they must go only in the front  
2NaCl is okay, but Na2Cl is not.

### Practice Balancing Examples

- $\_AgNO_3 + \_Cu \rightarrow \_Cu(NO_3)_2 + \_Ag$
- $\_Mg + \_N_2 \rightarrow \_Mg_3N_2$
- $\_P + \_O_2 \rightarrow \_P_4O_{10}$
- $\_Na + \_H_2O \rightarrow \_H_2 + \_NaOH$
- $\_CH_4 + \_O_2 \rightarrow \_CO_2 + \_H_2O$

### Practice Balancing Examples

- $2AgNO_3 + \_Cu \rightarrow \_Cu(NO_3)_2 + 2Ag$
- $3Mg + \_N_2 \rightarrow \_Mg_3N_2$
- $4P + 5O_2 \rightarrow \_P_4O_{10}$
- $2Na + 2H_2O \rightarrow \_H_2 + 2NaOH$
- $\_CH_4 + 2O_2 \rightarrow \_CO_2 + 2H_2O$

### Types of Reactions

- There are probably millions of reactions.
- We can't remember them all, but luckily they will fall into several categories.
- We will learn: a) the 5 major types.
- We will be able to: b) predict the products.
- For some, we will be able to: c) predict whether or not they will happen at all.

### The Skeleton Equation

- All chemical equations are a **description** of the reaction.
- A skeleton equation uses formulas and symbols to describe a reaction
  - but doesn't indicate how many; this means they are NOT balanced

## Synthesis Reaction

also called Combination Reactions  
2 substances combine to make one compound

The general equation is  $A + B \rightarrow AB$

## Synthesis Reaction

$$\text{HCl}_{(g)} + \text{NH}_{3(g)} \rightarrow \text{NH}_4\text{Cl}_{(s)}$$

## Synthesis Reactions

- Here is another example of a synthesis reaction

## Practice

- Predict the products. Write and balance the following synthesis reaction equations.
- Sodium metal reacts with chlorine gas
 
$$\text{Na}_{(s)} + \text{Cl}_{2(g)} \rightarrow$$
- Solid Magnesium reacts with fluorine gas
 
$$\text{Mg}_{(s)} + \text{F}_{2(g)} \rightarrow$$
- Aluminum metal reacts with fluorine gas
 
$$\text{Al}_{(s)} + \text{F}_{2(g)} \rightarrow$$

## #1 Synthesis Reactions

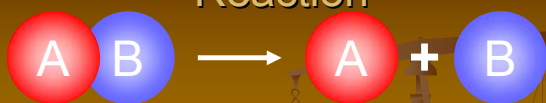
also called Combination Reactions

- 2 substances combine to make one compound
- the general equation is :  $A + B \rightarrow AB$ 
  - $\text{Ca} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{CaO}$  element + element
  - $\text{SO}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{SO}_3$  compound + element
  - $\text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$  compound + compound
- We can predict the products, especially if the *reactants are two elements*.
- $\text{Mg} + \text{N}_2 \rightarrow \text{Mg}_3\text{N}_2$

## Complete and balance:

- $\text{Ca} + \text{Cl}_2 \rightarrow$
- $\text{Fe} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow$  (assume iron (II) oxide is the product)
- $\text{Al} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow$
- Remember that the first step is to write the *correct formulas* – you can still change the *subscripts* at this point, but not later while balancing!**
- Then balance by changing the *coefficients* only**

## #2 Decomposition Reaction



The general equation is :  $AB \rightarrow A + B$

A reaction where a more complex molecule breaks down to form two or more simpler products

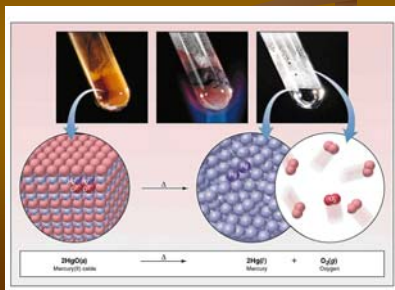
## Decomposition Reactions

- **Decomposition reactions** occur when a compound breaks up into the elements or in a few to simpler compounds
- **1 Reactant  $\rightarrow$  Product + Product**
- In general:  $AB \rightarrow A + B$
- Example:  $2 \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2 \text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2$
- Example:  $2 \text{HgO} \rightarrow 2 \text{Hg} + \text{O}_2$

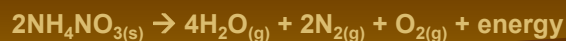


## Decomposition Reactions

- Another view of a decomposition reaction:



## Decomposition Reaction



Timothy McVeigh bombing, 1995

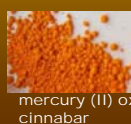
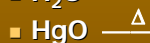


Regular building demolition with ammonium nitrate explosives

## Decomposition Reactions

- We can predict the products if it is a binary compound (which means it is made up of only two elements)

- It breaks apart into the elements:



mercury (II) oxide cinnabar



## Decomposition Exceptions


- Carbonates and chlorates are special case decomposition reactions that do not go to the elements.
  - Carbonates ( $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$ ) decompose to carbon dioxide and a metal oxide  
Example:  $\text{CaCO}_3 \rightarrow \text{CO}_2 + \text{CaO}$
  - Chlorates ( $\text{ClO}_3^-$ ) decompose to oxygen gas and a metal chloride  
Example:  $2 \text{Al}(\text{ClO}_3)_3 \rightarrow 2 \text{AlCl}_3 + 9 \text{O}_2$



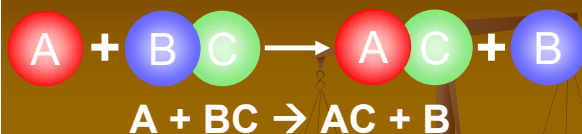
## Practice

- Predict the products. Then, write and balance the following decomposition reaction equations:
- Solid Lead (IV) oxide decomposes  
 $\text{PbO}_{2(s)} \rightarrow$
- Aluminum nitride decomposes  
 $\text{AlN}_{(s)} \rightarrow$

## Decomposition Reactions

- one reactant breaks apart into two or more elements or compounds.
- the general equation is :  $\text{AB} \rightarrow \text{A} + \text{B}$
- $\text{H}_2\text{O} \xrightarrow{\text{electricity}} \text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2$
- $\text{CaCO}_3 \xrightarrow{\Delta} \text{CaO} + \text{CO}_2$
- $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O} \xrightarrow{\Delta} \text{CuSO}_4 + 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  
- $2\text{NaHCO}_{3(s)} \xrightarrow{\Delta} \text{Na}_2\text{CO}_{3(s)} + \text{H}_2\text{O}_{(l)} + \text{CO}_{2(g)}$
- Note that energy (heat, sunlight, electricity, etc.) is usually required

## Single Displacement Reaction (Replacement)

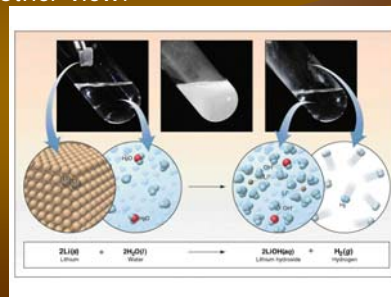


A reaction where an element displaces another element in a compound, producing a new compound and an element

- A metal will replace a cation (metal or H)
- A non-metal will replace an anion (non-metal)

## Single Replacement Reactions

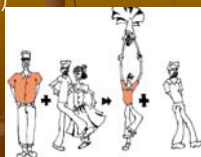
- Another view:



## Single Replacement Reactions

- Single Replacement Reactions** occur when one element replaces another in a compound.
- A metal can replace a metal (+) **OR** a nonmetal can replace a nonmetal (-).
- element + compound → element + compound**
- $\text{A} + \text{BC} \rightarrow \text{AC} + \text{B}$  (if A is a metal) **OR**
- $\text{A} + \text{BC} \rightarrow \text{BA} + \text{C}$  (if A is a nonmetal)
- (remember the cation always goes first!)

When  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  splits into ions, it splits into  $\text{H}^+$  and  $\text{OH}^-$  (not  $\text{H}^+$  and  $\text{O}^{2-}$  !!)



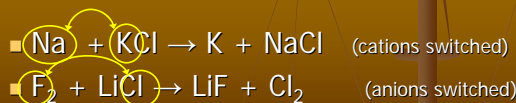
## Single Replacement Reactions



- $\text{Zn}_{(s)} + 2\text{HCl}_{(aq)} \rightarrow \text{ZnCl}_{2(aq)} + \text{H}_{2(g)}$
- zinc metal and hydrochloric acid react to form zinc chloride and hydrogen gas in this single-displacement reaction.

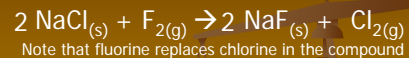
## Single Replacement Reactions

- One element replaces another
- the reaction follows the form of: compound + element  $\rightarrow$  compound + element
- Reactants must be *an element and a compound*.
- Products will be a different element and a different compound.



## Single Replacement Reactions

- Sodium chloride solid reacts with fluorine gas

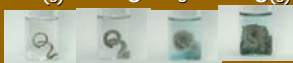


- Aluminum metal reacts with aqueous copper (II) nitrate



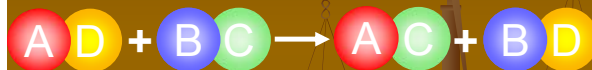
## Single Replacement Reactions

- Metals will replace other metals (and they can also replace hydrogen)**
- $\text{Zn}_{(s)} + 2 \text{HCl}_{(aq)} \rightarrow \text{ZnCl}_{2(aq)} + \text{H}_{2(g)}$
- $\text{Cu}_{(s)} + 2 \text{AgNO}_{3(aq)} \rightarrow 2 \text{Ag}_{(s)} + \text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_{2(aq)}$



- Think of water as: HOH
  - Metals replace the first H, and then combines with the hydroxide (OH).
- $2 \text{Na}_{(s)} + 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}_{(l)} \rightarrow 2 \text{NaOH}_{(aq)} + \text{H}_{2(g)}$

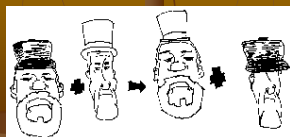
## #4 Double Displacement Reaction



Two compounds switch parts to make two new compounds  
the general equation is :  $\text{AB} + \text{CD} \rightarrow \text{AD} + \text{CB}$

## Double Replacement Reactions

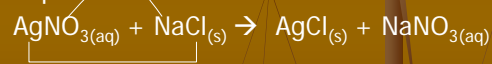
- Double Replacement Reactions** occur when a metal replaces a metal in a compound and a nonmetal replaces a nonmetal in a compound
- Compound + compound  $\rightarrow$  compound + compound**
- $\text{AB} + \text{CD} \rightarrow \text{AD} + \text{CB}$



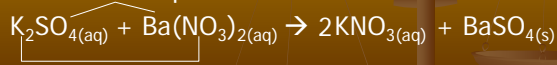
## Double Replacement Reactions

- Think about it like "foil"ing in algebra, first and last ions go together + inside ions go together

- Example:

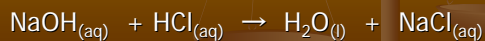
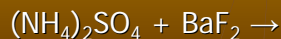


- Another example:



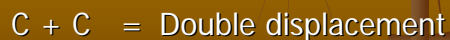
Complete and balance:

- assume all of the following reactions actually take place:



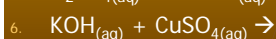
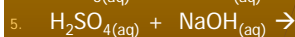
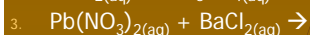
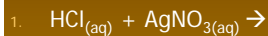
How to recognize which type?

- Look at the **reactants**:



## Practice

- Predict the products. Balance the equation

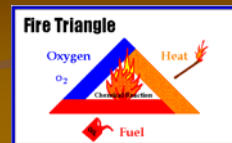


## 5. Combustion Reactions

- **Combustion reactions** occur when a hydrocarbon reacts with oxygen gas or metals.

- This is also called burning!!! In order to burn something you need the 3 things in the "fire triangle":

- 1) A Fuel (hydrocarbon)
- 2) Oxygen to burn it with
- 3) Something to ignite the reaction (spark)



## Combustion Reaction



A reaction of a fuel with oxygen, releasing energy in the form of heat and/or light

## Combustion Reaction Examples:

- What is the main purpose for which fuels are burned around the world?
- The following equations show what happens when different carbon-based fuels are burned.
- $\text{C}_{(\text{s})} + \text{O}_{2(\text{g})} \rightarrow \text{CO}_{2(\text{g})} + \text{energy}$
- $\text{CH}_{4(\text{g})} + 2\text{O}_{2(\text{g})} \rightarrow \text{CO}_{2(\text{g})} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{energy}$
- ethanol  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}_{(\text{l})} + \text{O}_{2(\text{g})} \rightarrow \text{CO}_{2(\text{g})} + 3\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(\text{l})}$
- $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_{6(\text{s})} + 6\text{O}_{2(\text{g})} \rightarrow 6\text{CO}_{2(\text{g})} + 6\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(\text{g})} + \text{energy}$



## Combustion Reaction

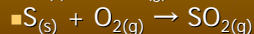
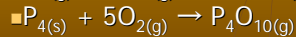
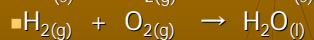
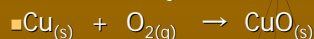
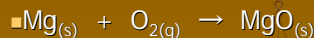
### Element + O<sub>2</sub> → "oxide" + energy



## Combustion of other Fuels

Some fuels do not contain carbon.

The products are oxides of each element in the fuels.

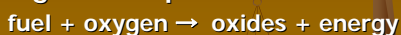


As you see, many combustion reactions may also be classified as synthesis.

## Combustion Reactions

- Combustion is a fast reaction of a substance with oxygen to make compounds called oxides.

- the general equation is :



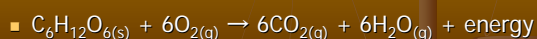
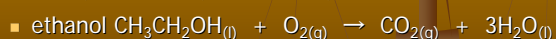
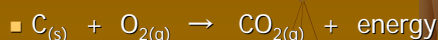
- the three things that must be present for combustion to happen are:

- fuel
- oxygen
- spark / heat

## Combustion Reaction Examples:

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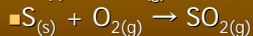
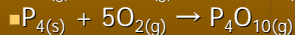
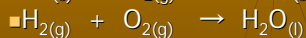
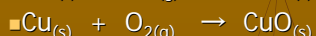
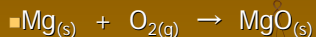
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## Incomplete Combustion

If there is not enough oxygen, then incomplete combustion occurs producing poisonous carbon monoxide gas (which is invisible and has no odor, colour or taste). It is especially dangerous when produced indoors, by damaged furnaces or the burning of fuels indoors.

Hydrocarbon + oxygen → carbon dioxide + water + carbon monoxide + carbon + energy



# The Tell-Tale Face of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning



**FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS**

- Headache
- Fatigue or Weakness
- Nausea, Dizziness or Palms
- Nausea or Vomiting
- Dizziness or Blurring
- Confusion or Memory Loss
- Disorientation
- Stupor or Seizure Activity
- Rapid Heart Beat or Chest Pain

**Changes by Person Sensitivity to**  
Light, Sound, Odors, Taste or Touch

**AT RISK FROM CARBON MONOXIDE**

People with heart disease, high blood pressure, anemia, or other conditions are at greater risk of complications from carbon monoxide poisoning. People who are pregnant, have sickle cell disease, or who are taking certain medications are also at greater risk.

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**SOURCES OF CARBON MONOXIDE**

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas that is produced by the incomplete combustion of carbon-containing fuels. It is a byproduct of the combustion of fossil fuels, such as coal, oil, and natural gas. It is also produced by the combustion of wood, charcoal, and other solid fuels. Carbon monoxide is also produced by the combustion of tobacco, and by the use of certain household appliances, such as space heaters, stoves, and water heaters.


**SYMPTOMS OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING**

Carbon monoxide poisoning can cause a wide range of symptoms, including headache, dizziness, nausea, and confusion. In severe cases, it can cause unconsciousness and death. The symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are often mistaken for those of other conditions, such as the flu or a stroke. Therefore, it is important to be aware of the signs and symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning and to seek medical attention if you suspect you or someone else may be poisoned.

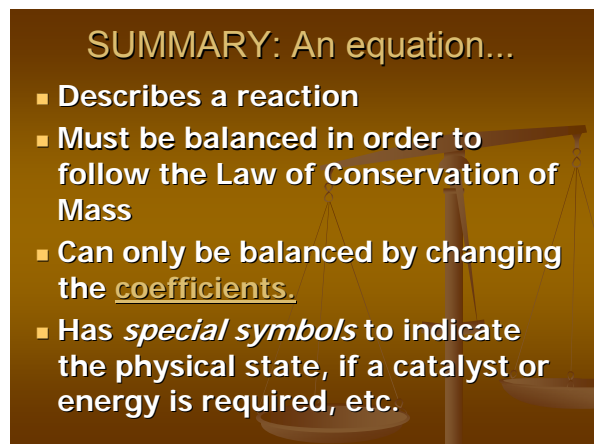
**TREATMENT OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING**

The primary treatment for carbon monoxide poisoning is the administration of 100% oxygen. This helps to displace carbon monoxide from the hemoglobin in the blood. In severe cases, hyperbaric oxygen therapy may be used. This involves breathing pure oxygen in a pressurized chamber. This treatment can help to speed the removal of carbon monoxide from the body and reduce the risk of complications.

# Combustion Reactions



**Edgar Allen Poe's  
drooping eyes and  
mouth are potential  
signs of CO  
poisoning.**

A faint, stylized image of a balance scale is visible in the background, symbolizing the law of conservation of mass. The scale is tilted, with the right pan being lower than the left.

## SUMMARY: An equation...

- Describes a reaction
- Must be balanced in order to follow the Law of Conservation of Mass
- Can only be balanced by changing the coefficients.
- Has *special symbols* to indicate the physical state, if a catalyst or energy is required, etc.

## Mixed Practice

Identify the type of reaction for each of the following synthesis or decomposition reactions, and write the balanced equation:

$\text{N}_{2(\text{g})} + \text{O}_{2(\text{g})} \rightarrow \text{Nitrogen monoxide}$

$\text{BaCO}_{3(\text{s})} \rightarrow$

$\text{Co}_{(\text{s})} + \text{S}_{(\text{s})} \rightarrow (\text{make Co be } +3)$

$\text{NH}_{3(\text{g})} + \text{H}_2\text{CO}_{3(\text{aq})} \rightarrow$

$\text{NI}_{3(\text{s})} \rightarrow$

## Mixed Practice #2

- State the type, predict the products, and balance the following reactions:

- $\text{BaCl}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \rightarrow$
- $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow$
- $\text{Zn} + \text{CuSO}_4 \rightarrow$
- $\text{Cs} + \text{Br}_2 \rightarrow$
- $\text{FeCO}_3 \rightarrow$

